

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE FOR THE ACQUISITION  
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TO: Members of the Interdepartmental Committee  
FROM: Ensign Frederick G. Kilgour, USNR  
SUBJECT: Excerpts from recent reports of the Interdepartmental Committee

"STATISTISCHES JARDBUCH FUER DAS DEUTSCHE REICH" (your 311 November 5). 1938 edition is latest. Have instead ordered "STATISTIK DES DEUTSCHEN REICHS" (Unabridged annual statistics) 1939, 6th printd.

HANDBUCH DER DEUTSCHEN AKTIENGESELLSCHAFTEN (also requested for IDC in Department's airmail No. A-21 of February 4, received February 25). Export is prohibited by German Government, as stated in my telegram 80 February 7, 1943 in reply to your 197 December 17, 1942. Repeated attempts during 1943 to procure various volumes of annual series failed. No copies (post 1940) available in Sweden.

Haucke: BULGARIEN dispatched in packet 88 (March 7)

COMPASS 1943. See my telegrams 513 September 12, 619 October 5, and 806 December 11. No more copies have arrived in Sweden. For past six months local reference library endeavored to obtain missing (1) BOHmen UND MAHREN SLOWAKEI and (2) OSTMARK-SUDETENLAND. It is noteworthy that German Legation warned Librarian to restrict access to COMPASS as "this publication from 1940 onward contains information of value to enemy and therefore of interest to spies".

DEUTSCHES REICH - ADRESSEBUCH FUER INDUSTRIE, GEMERBE HANDEL (two copies also requested for IDC in Department's airmail No. A-12 January 24, received February 7). Export is prohibited by German Government (publishers regularly replied "out of print" to my repeated orders throughout 1943). Propitious moment for borrowing local reference copies (Vols. I-VI, 1941-1943) came in January, and I immediately informed you of film roll numbers (2041-2043, 2045-2048, 2057, 2058) in my telegram 2 February 2. Photo-offset of these invaluable films is advisable. Please note that entire series of six volumes (pre-war five) is no longer published annually. Only Vols. I (film rolls 2041-2042) VI (Not yet in Stockholm) appeared in 1943. So far no issues announced for 1944.

Re time element. In general you must now allow from six to 12 months for books (less time for periodicals and newspapers) ordered from Germany or German-occupied territory. There are retarding factors to be borne in mind, e.g. (1) lack of transit facilities and (2) air-raid destruction (all publishing houses of Leipzig and majority of Berlin bombed-out; of last sentence of my airmail A-26 December 26 sent to Department as my A-1041). Therefore I venture respectfully to emphasize futility of such requests as "cable probable date when you expect to receive this or that publication".